

To the FCC re Proceeding 02-277:

I urge the Commission not to enact rules or regulations that would allow for greater concentration of media ownership, especially cross-ownership of radio, television, and/or newspapers in the same market areas. The media concentration that has already occurred during the past decade or so has had an extremely deleterious effect on democracy in this country. The range of opinion allowed expression over the public airwaves and in the print media has narrowed to a dangerous degree. If further concentration of ownership is allowed, it will seriously constrain the kind of lively, wide-ranging public debate of contemporary issues vital for the functioning of a democratic state.